

## NEWS

**Howard Shelby**, Beverly Amerson's brother, passed away last Monday morning in Kilgore as a result of cancer. His graveside service was conducted yesterday afternoon at the Nevill's Chapel Cemetery. Their mother, Ruby Shelby passed away last year. We express our sincere sympathy to Beverly and all the Shelby loved ones—**Judy Hinson** has done better with her second chemo treatment than with the first. She is scheduled to have another treatment this coming week—**Kenneth Amer-son** was not feeling well Wednesday (continued on page 3)

### ELDERS:

**Bob Arnold** 563-2977  
**Leon Goff** 572-6809  
**Kendall Johnson** 572-9306

### DEACONS:

**Ron Burns** 577-9978  
**Ricky Davis** 572-9428  
**Ken Ferguson** 572-4135  
**Pat Marshall** 572-9347

### SERVICES:

#### Sunday

**Bible Study** 9:45 AM  
**Worship** 10:30 AM  
**Worship** 6:00 PM

#### Wednesday

**Ladies Class** 10:00 AM  
**Bible Study** 7:00 PM

### PREACHERS:

**Jared Rogers** 682-300-3602  
**Leon Goff** 572-6809

### ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

**June 8, 2014**

#### Serving The Lord's Supper

##### Sunday Morning

Scripture: Luke Arnold

**Kenneth Amerson** **Phil Brown**  
**Colton Fulmer** **Austin Fulmer**

##### Sunday Evening

**Kenneth Amerson** **Phil Brown**

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### PRAYERS

Sun. AM—**James Johnson**(Opening)

—**Ron Burns** (Closing)

PM—**Richard Tapparo** (Opening)

—**Charles Davis** (Closing)

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—**Ken Ferguson**

P.M.—**Paul Chapman**

(call Pat Marshall if unable to serve)

**Think It Over**—If you were to die today...Where would you spend eternity? To all who love God, and to those who do not, but should, to all who are weary and heavy laden; to all who are lonely and sad; to all who sin and need a Savior, and to whosoever will come a hearty welcome is extended.

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## Which of the Two Had You Rather Be?

By Osby Weaver

While preaching in Hawaii during the war years, one of our members invited a fellow-worker to our services and received a tongue lashing for his efforts, a part of which was that all churches were frauds and were interested in nothing more than to get money. Later, after thinking more about it, he decided to attend on his own and see for himself.

The lesson of the hour was about what one would expect to hear at any of our services. At the conclusion, the man came around and told me that he was interested in what he had heard and would like to talk to me about it further. This we did until about midnight at which point he said, "You know, I believe that, and I want to be baptized one of these days." My response was "Why not now?" He informed me that he worked on the night shift at Pearl Harbor and would not have time to catch the bus and get to work on time. I told him that I would take him to work in my car. He said, "Well, no need to get in a hurry about it. I'll have plenty of time, and I will do it one of these days." I asked, "Do you mean that you want to serve the devil a while longer?"

He replied, "No, that is not my attitude at all." I then asked him that if he never had another opportunity to obey the Lord, what would he say to him in the day of judgment? He dropped his head momentarily in sober reflection, then looking me in the eye, he said, "I just don't know what I would say, let's do it now!" I took him down into the water and baptized him for the remission of sins shortly after midnight.

The following Thursday, he became violently ill on the job, was rushed to the hospital where emergency surgery was performed, and it was learned that even though he had no pain before, he was eaten up with cancer. He died in less than thirty days.

He was never permitted to attend but one gospel service in all of his life, If he had left me that night without obeying the Lord, he would have died lost. I have always been grateful that “*knowing the terror of the Lord*” that I persuaded him to obey.

Now let me tell you about another gentleman with whom I talked about obeying the Lord. He was by barber when I lived in a north central Texas town. In talking to him about his need to become a Christian while he cut my hair, he responded with, “My wife, you know, is a member of the church of Christ.” I knew that and told him that he ought to be. He chuckled a little and informed me that he planned to be sometime in the future. I told him that he was not getting any younger. He readily agreed to that, but said he had a little living to do yet and felt that he had plenty of time yet. My reply was, “Time may be running out on you.” He said, “Oh, I don’t think it will.” I didn’t either at that time, but was merely calling his attention to the possibility.

I left town for several days and upon my return I went to the barber shop. The barber was not there, and I noticed that his name had been removed from the mirror. Thinking that he perhaps had gone to work in another shop in town, I asked, “Where is my barber?” The others said, “He is dead.” While standing at his chair, he had a massive heart attack and died on the way to the hospital.

Time ran out on him sooner than either he or I thought it would. He departed this life knowing what he should do to obey the Lord and knowing that he really ought to do it. But he didn’t!

Now which of the two had you rather be? Each rational being holds his destiny within his own hands. These two were alike in that they both lived, and they both died, and at one point, they were alike in that neither had obeyed the gospel of Christ. There, however, the likeness ends. Which had you rather be?

You may say, “I don’t believe that I will become like either of them.” You just did!

—*Guardian of Truth*, 11/21/96

“*And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.*”

—Acts 22:16

## One Solitary Life

*He was born in an obscure Village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty. Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book, He never held an office, He didn’t go to college. He never visited a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place he was born. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness. He has no credentials but himself.*

*He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through a mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.*

*Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind’s progress. All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned put together have not affected the life of man on earth as much as that **one solitary life.***

—via *The Northside Navigator*,  
Carthage, TX

## Monthly Ladies Class

Meets this coming Thursday at 6:00 PM at Emilee Capel’s house. Her address is 879 CR 1745. Work sheets for the study of Esther are in the foyer. Please pick up one if you haven’t.

## Annual Ladies Day

Amanda Willeford and Emilee Capel are planning the Ladies Day for next year and will be sending out “Save The Date” cards. If you have any addresses that you would like to add to the mail out list please get those to Paul or Carla Chapman.

NEWS (continued from back page) night and was not in our service—**Daxon Willeford** was sick with an upper respiratory infection Wednesday night—**Joyce Williams** was not feeling well Sunday and was not in our services. She is also having trouble falling—Relda mentioned Wednesday night that prayers were requested for Jason (preacher where Brooke and Tyler worship) Sage’s father, **Norman Sage**. He had surgery last Tuesday to remove a malignant brain tumor, and came through the surgery fine. He will be having chemo treatments. I have known Norman for years—Remember **Relda Marshall, Michele Williams, Maurine Lee, Pat Brown, Dorothy Kyle, Deborah Brown, Tammy Willeford, Ronald Stringer, and Boots Walker**—Remember our **Shut-ins:** Clayton Bellamy, Loyd Clark, Shirley Ferguson, Maurine Lee, Irma May, and Lelda Thompson.